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**Title  
FY 2015 GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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1. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2014.

2. THE GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY THE WEST POINT ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES (WPAOG) AND AIMS TO DEVELOP THE STRATEGIC THINKING OF TOMORROW'S OPERATIONAL LEADERS BY PROVIDING SELECT ARMY OFFICERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM AT TOP TIER GRADUATE SCHOOLS. THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS OPEN TO MALES AND FEMALES FROM ALL COMMISSIONING SOURCES IN THE MANEUVER, FIRES AND EFFECTS (MFE) BRANCHES. THE PROGRAM SIMULTANEOUSLY OFFERS IMMERSION EXPERIENCES THAT EXPOSE DOWNING SCHOLARS TO THE U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM INTERAGENCY COMMUNITY, FOREIGN COUNTERTERRORISM FORCES, DIFFERENT CULTURES AND WAYS OF UNDERSTANDING THE THREATS FACING THE UNITED STATES TODAY. SCHOLARS ARE SELECTED BASED ON THEIR EXCEPTIONAL MILITARY RECORD, COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL. THE PROGRAM SEEKS TO EXTEND GENERAL DOWNING'S LEGACY BY RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATING LEADERS TO NOT ONLY UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT THREAT, BUT TO BE PREPARED FOR FUTURE OPERATING ENVIRONMENTS. OFFICERS SELECTED FOR PARTICIPATION WILL BE APPOINTED FELLOWS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY COMBATING TERRORISM CENTER (USMA CTC) WHILE IN THE PROGRAM. OFFICERS SELECTED FOR THIS PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR ILE PHASE II (AOC) AND BE ILE (MEL4) COMPLETE, PROVIDING THEY MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: COMPLETE ILE COMMON CORE THROUGH A 14 WEEKS ILE SATELLITE COURSE OR THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING, COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE UTILIZATION TOUR, AND BE IN ZONE FOR ATTENDANCE OR SELECTION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION.

3. ILE STATEMENT: STARTING WITH YEAR GROUP 2004 AND SUBSEQUENT YEAR GROUPS, INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL EDUCATION (ILE) ATTENDANCE IS GOVERNED BY ARMY DIRECTIVE 2012-21, OPTIMIZATION OF INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION (OILE). OFFICERS COMPETING FOR, OR SELECTED UNDER OILE TO ATTEND A 10-MONTH RESIDENT VENUE AND SELECTED FOR A BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM APPROVED FOR AOC CREDIT, ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE 14-WEEK SATELLITE COURSE. IF YOUR BROADENING PROGRAM TIMELINE WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO ATTEND ILE IN THE YEAR YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND, YOU MUST SUBMIT AN ILE DEFERMENT OR CHANGE OF VENUE TO DISTANCE LEARNING REQUEST IAW THE ANNUAL ILE MILPER MESSAGE OR CONTACT YOUR CAREER MANAGER FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. UNIVERSITIES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE LIST BELOW. OFFICERS MAY

REQUEST A SPECIFIC UNIVERSITY AND FIELD OF STUDY IN THEIR APPLICATION PROVIDED THE PROGRAM IS RELATED TO COMBATING TERRORISM. HOWEVER, SCHOLARS MUST BE FLEXIBLE IN THE DETERMINATION OF UNIVERSITY AND FIELD OF STUDY AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE WPAOG HAS THE FINAL DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT.

A. U.S. BASED SCHOOLS: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS; GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM; HARVARD UNIVERSITY, KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT; JOHNS HOPKINS, SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES; SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS; TUFTS UNIVERSITY, FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY; PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; YALE UNIVERSITY, JACKSON INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS; STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

B. FOREIGN BASED SCHOOLS: KINGS COLLEGE, WAR STUDIES DEPARTMENT, LONDON, U.K.; UNIVERSITY OF ST.ANDREWS, ST ANDREWS, U.K.; QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST, U.K.; INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER, LAUDER SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, HERZLIYA, ISRAEL; NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY. INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM SINGAPORE.

C. PROPOSED COURSE OF STUDY: CANDIDATES NEED TO INDICATE WHAT GRADUATE PROGRAM THEY DESIRE TO ATTEND, THE PARTICULAR PROGRAM OF STUDY AND DESIRED IMMERSION EXPERIENCES. SECURITY STUDIES, POLITICAL SCIENCES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/AFFAIRS ARE THE PREFERRED AREAS OF STUDY WITH A FOCUS ON TERRORISM/COUNTERTERRORISM STUDIES.

5. SELECTION PROCESS: THE U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC), FORT KNOX, KY WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PANEL, WILL CONVENE THE WEEK OF 12 MAY 2014 TO SELECT APPROXIMATELY TEN CANDIDATES TO FORWARD TO THE WEST POINT ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES (WPAOG) FOR THE FINAL SELECTION OF SCHOLARS. APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS IN JULY 2014.

6. SCHOLARSHIP TENURE/LOCATION: SCHOLARS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. ARMY STUDENT DETACHMENT, FORT JACKSON, SC WITH DUTY AT THEIR SELECTED UNIVERSITY. SCHOLARS WILL BEGIN THEIR PROGRAM SUMMER/FALL 2015 AND COMPLETE APPROXIMATELY 24 MONTHS THEREAFTER.

7. OBLIGATIONS INCURRED: SCHOLARS INCUR A THREE FOR ONE ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OBLIGATION (ADSO), COMPUTED IN DAYS, FOR EVERY DAY IN PROGRAM (THIS ADSO IS SERVED CONSECUTIVELY WITH OTHER CIVILIAN ADSOS). FOLLOWING THEIR SCHOLARSHIP TENURE, OFFICERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO AN OPERATIONAL UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT DETERMINED BY THEIR CAREER MANAGER.

8. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: (ALL ARE NON-WAIVERABLE)

A. BE A REGULAR ARMY BRANCH QUALIFIED CAPTAIN OR MAJOR.

B. NOT HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE PAID FOR BY THE U.S. ARMY. (THIS MEANS THE TUITION AND FEES WERE SOLELY FUNDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. TUITION ASSISTANCE DOES NOT APPLY.)

C. POSSESS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CAREER BRANCHES: INFANTRY, ENGINEER, FIELD

ARTILLERY, AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY, AVIATION, SPECIAL FORCES, ARMOR, INFORMATION OPERATIONS, MILITARY POLICE, PSYOP, CIVIL AFFAIRS, OR CHEMICAL.

D. HAVE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE MILITARY SERVICE.

E. HAVE BETWEEN 5 AND 14 ACTIVE FEDERAL COMMISSIONED SERVICE (AFCS) YEARS, BY AUGUST 2015.

F. NOT BE PENDING ANY ADVERSE ACTIONS.

G. MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.

H. HOLD A CURRENT SECRET CLEARANCE OR HIGHER.

I. MUST BE ABLE TO COMPLETE FULL SCHOLARSHIP WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

J. HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 OR BETTER. (MAY BE WAIVED IF THE OFFICER POSSESSES A GRADUATE DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY OR SUBMITS A STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC READINESS TO BE A GRADUATE DEGREE STUDENT, SEE PARAGRAH TEN (F) FOR STATEMENT. UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 2.5 WITHOUT A GRADUATE DEGREE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.)

K. MUST HAVE A MINIMUM GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) TEST SCORES OF (VERBAL) MINIMUM OF 500 (EQUALS TO 153 UNDER NEW SCORING. WAIVERABLE TO 450 (EQUALS TO 150 UNDER NEW SCORING.), (QUANTITATIVE) AT LEAST 500 (EQUALS TO 144 UNDER NEW SCORING.) (TEST DATE MUST BE WITHIN FIVE YEARS AS OF AUGUST 2015.)

L. MUST HAVE RECENT COMBAT DEPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE.

M. MUST HAVE DEMONSTRATED AND EXEMPLIFIED THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

#### 9. HOW TO APPLY:

A. NOT LATER THAN 28 FEBRUARY 2014, EMAIL A DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (DA) FORM 4187 (PERSONNEL ACTION) TO [JOEL.STROUT@US.ARMY.MIL](mailto:JOEL.STROUT@US.ARMY.MIL) WITH THE INFORMATION BELOW. SUBJECT TITLE OF EMAIL "REQUEST TO COMPETE FOR B.O.P.";

(1) BLOCK ONE: ADDRESS OF THE COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT THAT WILL SIGN/ENDORSE THE DA FORM 4187 REQUESTING TO COMPETE.

(2) BLOCK TWO: " AHRC, ATTN: MR. STROUT, 1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVE, FORT KNOX, KY 40122".

(3) BLOCK THREE: OFFICER'S MILITARY ADDRESS.

(4) BLOCK FOUR: OFFICER'S LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL.

(5) BLOCK FIVE: OFFICER'S CURRENT GRADE OR RANK AND CAREER FIELD OR MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SERIES.

(6) BLOCK SIX: OFFICER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

(7) BLOCK SEVEN: SKIP.

(8) BLOCK EIGHT: CHECK LINE TITLED "OTHER" AND TYPE IN "B.O.P".

(9) BLOCK NINE: OFFICER'S HAND-WRITTEN OR DIGITAL SIGNATURE.

(10) BLOCK 10: SIGNATURE DATE.

(11) SECTION IV REMARKS SECTION:

(A) TYPE IN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "I REQUEST PERMISSION TO COMPETE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM(S) IN ORDER OF MY PREFERENCE:" (LIST THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS (B.O.P.) REQUESTED TO COMPETE FOR IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE. SEE PARAGRAPH THIRTEEN FOR A LIST OF PROGRAMS AVAILABLE.)

(B) "MY DEFENSE LANGUAGE APTITUDE BATTERY (DLAB) SCORE IS (INSERT SCORE). I TOOK THIS TEST ON (INSERT DATE AS YYYYMMDD)." (IF THE DLAB TEST WAS NOT TAKEN OR IF NONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) REQUESTED TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES THE DLAB SCORE, TYPE IN "NONE". IF ANY OF THE PROGRAM(S) REQUESTED TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES A DLAB SCORE, INDICATE WHEN THE DLAB TEST WILL BE TAKEN.)

(C) "MY GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) SCORES ARE VERBAL REASONING (INSERT SCORE); QUANTITATIVE REASONING (INSERT SCORE); ANALYTICAL WRITING (INSERT SCORE). I TOOK THIS TEST ON (INSERT DATE AS YYYYMMDD)." (IF THE GRE TEST WAS NOT TAKEN OR IF NONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) REQUESTED TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES GRE SCORES, TYPE IN "NONE". IF ANY OF THE PROGRAM(S) REQUESTED TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES GRE SCORES, INDICATE WHEN THE GRE TEST WILL BE TAKEN.)

(D) "MY UNDERGRADUTE DEGREE GPA IS (INSERT GPA)."

(E) "MY GRADUATE DEGREE GPA IS (INSERT GPA)." (IF A GRADUATE DEGREE IS NOT COMPLETE, TYPE IN "NONE". DO NOT TYPE IN GPA IF THE OFFICER IS STILL PURSUING THEIR GRADUATE DEGREE.)

(F) "I UNDERSTAND I WILL INCUR OBLIGATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE MILPER MESSAGE(S) ANNOUNCING THE PROGRAM(S) I AM APPLYING FOR. I AUTHORIZE AHRC TO RELEASE ALL DOCUMENTS TO ANYONE WHO MAY REQUIRE THEM IN CONNECTION WITH MY NOMINATION TO A BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM."

(G) "I UNDERSTAND IF I AM APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM, I MAY NOT RECEIVE MY FIRST PREFERENCE AND I FURTHER UNDERSTAND MY SELECTION OR NON-SELECTION IS DETERMINED BY THE SELECTION PANEL'S ORDER OF MERIT LIST (OML) OF THE PROGRAMS I AM REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR. I UNDERSTAND IF I AM SELECTED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE PROGRAMS I AM COMPETING FOR, I WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ANY FURTHER FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM AND I WILL ACCEPT THE PROGRAM I WAS SELECTED FOR. "

(H) "MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS: (INSERT EMAIL ADDRESS)."

(12) BLOCK 11: COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT MUST RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE REQUEST TO COMPETE.

(13) BLOCK 12: COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT'S SIGNATURE BLOCK.

(14) BLOCK 13: COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT'S HAND-WRITTEN OR DIGITAL SIGNATURE.

(15) BLOCK 14: DATE SIGNED.

(NOTE: THE DA FORM 4187-1-R (PERSONNEL ACTION FORM ADDENDUM) MAY ALSO BE

SUBMITTED WITH THE DA FORM 4187-1 IF THE COMMAND REQUIRES THE REQUEST TO GO THROUGH ADDITIONAL APPROVAL AUTHORITIES).

B. CANDIDATES MUST ALSO SUBMIT THEIR MOST CURRENT DA FORM 705 (ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORE CARD) AND DA FORM 5500 (BODY FAT CONTENT), IF APPLICABLE.

C. THE NOMINATION PACKET WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE OFFICER'S CAREER BRANCH AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. OFFICERS APPROVED TO COMPETE WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM MR. JOEL STROUT INSTRUCTING THEM TO EMAIL HIM THE DOCUMENTS LISTED AT PARAGRAPH TEN. THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH TEN MUST REACH MR. STROUT NOT LATER THAN 28 MARCH 2014. DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION PACKET. EMAILED DOCUMENTS AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS NOT LISTED BELOW WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

D. IT IS THE OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THEIR REQUEST. PLEASE WAIT AT LEAST TEN WORKING DAYS, AFTER SUBMITTING THE REQUEST BEFORE INQUIRING.

10. APPLICATION: (MUST REACH MR. STROUT NLT 28 MARCH 2014 AND BE IN \*.TIFF FORMAT)

A. TWO ESSAYS ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

(1) ESSAY QUESTION 1: EXPLAIN WHY THE DOWNING SCHOLARS PROGRAM IS A DESIRED NEXT STEP IN CAREER. HOW DOES THIS PROGRAM FIT WITH SHORT-AND LONG-TERM CAREER GOALS AND WHY THIS IS THE BEST PROGRAM FOR AT THIS POINT IN CAREER? (TYPED, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, FONT SIZE IS 12, NO LONGER THAN 1 PAGE. TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "ESSAY 1.")

(2) ESSAY QUESTION 2: WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WILL GAIN FROM THIS PROGRAM AND HOW WILL YOU SEEK TO APPLY THE LESSONS YOU LEARN? (TYPED, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, FONT SIZE IS 12, NO LONGER THAN 1 PAGE. TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "ESSAY 2.")

B. LIST OF PREFERRED UNIVERSITIES AND FIELD OF STUDY BY PREFERENCE. (SEE PARAGRAPH FOUR) (TYPED, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, FONT SIZE IS 12. TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "LIST OF PREFERRED UNIVERSITIES.")

C. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LOR). MINIMUM OF TWO AND A MAXIMUM OF THREE. ONE LOR MUST BE FROM CURRENT COMMAND. (LOR CAN BE IN LETTER OR MEMORANDUM FORMAT. ADDRESS LOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SELECTION PANEL) (SUGGESTION: IF THE OFFICER IS APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM HAVE THE RECOMMENDER RECOMMEND THE OFFICER FOR "ANY BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM" INSTEAD OF A SPECIFIC PROGRAM.)

D. ALL ORIGINAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS (ONLY IF NOT CURRENTLY PRESENT IN IPERMS LEGIBLE.)

E. COPY OF "OFFICIAL" GRE SCORES. (CODE FOR HRC IS 5852). (EVEN IF THE OFFICER HAS A GRADUATE DEGREE.)

F. ONLY APPLICANTS WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 3.0 AND NO GRADUATE DEGREE MUST SUBMIT: STATEMENT EXPLAINING ACADEMIC READINESS TO BE A GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT. ALSO STATE THE CIRCUMSTANCE(S) OR WHY AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 3.0 WAS OBTAINED (E.G. PLAYED FOUR YEARS OF A D1 ATHLETIC SPORT, OR SWITCHED PROGRAMS, FAMILY EMERGENCY, ETC). (TYPED, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, FONT SIZE IS 12.

TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "ACADEMIC READINESS TO BE A GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT".)

G. CURRENT DA FORM 705 (ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORE CARD) AND DA FORM 5500 (BODY FAT CONTENT), IF APPLICABLE

11. CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY PHOTO AND OFFICER RECORD BRIEF (ORB) IS UP-TO-DATE. CANDIDATES ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR EVALUATIONS ARE UP-TO-DATE IN IPERMS. UPDATES MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO 28 FEBRUARY 2014.

12. ANY APPLICATION PACKET THAT IS NOT COMPLETE, AS DIRECTED IN PARAGRAPHS NINE, TEN AND ELEVEN ABOVE, WILL BE RETURNED TO CANDIDATE AND MAY RESULT IN MISSING THE SUBMISSION SUSPENSE DATE AND NOT BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

13. FOR THE MILPER MESSAGE FOR EACH OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW, PLEASE GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](https://www.hrc.army.mil/bop) OR [HTTPS://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/MILPER](https://www.hrc.army.mil/milper).

A. AVAILABLE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS:

- (1) U.S. ARMY CYBER COMMAND SCHOLARSHIP.
- (2) ARROYO CENTER FELLOWSHIP.
- (3) U.S. ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP.
- (4) GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP.
- (5) U.S. ARMY G-6, INFORMATION ASSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP (IASP).
- (6) JCS/OSD/ARSTAF INTERNSHIP.
- (7) GEORGE AND CAROL OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP.
- (8) ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES FELLOWSHIP.
- (9) GEORGE C. MARSHALL EUROPEAN CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES FELLOWSHIP.
- (10) DOS STRATEGIC POLICY PLANNING FELLOWSHIP.
- (11) HQDA, HARVARD STRATEGIST SCHOLARSHIP.

B. ANY PROGRAM ADDED TO THE PREFERENCE LIST THAT IS NOT FROM THE LIST ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

14. DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS PROGRAM TO [JOEL.STROUT@US.ARMY.MIL](mailto:JOEL.STROUT@US.ARMY.MIL).